

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health and Hospitals Board of Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors

Requirements and Renewal of License (LAC 46:LXXXVI.703)

The Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of Examiners, under authority of the Louisiana Rehabilitation Counselor Licensing Act, R.S. 37:3441-3452 of the 1988 Legislature and R.S. 36:259(E)(21), and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., proposes to amend LAC 46:LXXXVI.703 governing the practice of rehabilitation counseling.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LXXXVI. Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of Examiners

Chapter 7. Requirements for Licensure and Renewal of License

§703. Requirements

A.-D. ...

E. Has received a Master's Degree in vocational rehabilitation counseling or related field and two years of experience under the direct supervision of a licensed vocational rehabilitation counselor or a Bachelor's Degree in vocational rehabilitation counseling or related field and five years of work experience, working under the direct supervision of a licensed vocational rehabilitation counselor. An applicant may subtract one year of the required professional experience for successfully completing Ph.D. requirements in a rehabilitation counseling program acceptable to the board. However, in no case, may the applicant have less than one year of the required professional experience. Effective on the date this amended rule is promulgated, in order to meet the requirements of licensure, one must have a degree in vocational rehabilitation counseling or an approved related degree as listed in Section A below:

Section A:

Clinical or Counseling Psychology;
Professional Guidance & Counseling;
Rehabilitation Studies (O.T. and P.T. excluded);
Special Education (as determined by the board).

The board will consider as a feasible alternative to a vocational rehabilitation degree, a related degree as listed in Section A which includes 42 hours of qualifying courses from an accredited college or university which meet the academic and training content established by the board and listed in Section B below. Both Section A and Section B are at the discretion of the board.

Section B:

| | HOURS |
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| Orientation of Vocational Rehabilitation | 3 |
| Statistics | 3 |
| Medical and/or Psycho-Social Terminology of Disabilities Relative to Vocational Performance | 3 |
| Psychological & Social Effects of Disabilities | 3 |
| Tests and Measurements | 3 |
| Occupational Information and/or Job Placement and Job Development | 3 |
| Analysis of the Individual | 3 |
| Theories of Personality | 3 |
| Theories and Techniques of Counseling | 6 |
| Demonstrations and Practice of Counseling | 3 |
| Field Work or Practicums | 9-12 |
| Psychiatric Disorders and/or Substance Abuse | 3 |
| Vocational Analysis or Assessment of Persons with Disabilities | 3 |
| Introduction to Psychology | 3 |
| Abnormal Psychology | 3 |
| Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| Developmental Psychology (Adult or Adolescent) | 3 |
| Ethics of Counseling | <u>3</u> |

A candidate for licensure must have 42 of the 66 hours enumerated, completing each course with a "C" or better. Any substitutions of similar course work will be limited and at the discretion of the board. As of the date this amended rule is promulgated, anyone possessing an unrelated degree, not specific in the above text, will not be accepted even if they pursue additional course work. Should they obtain an additional degree in the related areas as specified in Section A above, this will be considered.

1.-1.b.ii. ...

iii. The LRC supervisor as opposed to the work supervisor may supervise no more than three persons at any one time unless the supervisor has no other caseload responsibilities, in which case he/she may supervise up to five counselors.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:3447.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Social Services, Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of Examiners, LR 15:277 (April 1989), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of Examiners, LR 19:1570 (December 1993), amended LR 22:

Interested persons may also submit oral or written data, views, comments, or arguments no later than May 12, 1996 to: Larry S. Stokes, Chairperson; Box 41594; Baton Rouge, LA 70835-1594.

A public hearing will be held on this matter at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 25, 1996 at the Ramada Hotel, 1480 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

Larry S. Stokes
Chairperson

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RULE TITLE: Board By-laws**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The board operates at no cost to the state, by collecting fees from granting licenses to qualified vocational rehabilitation counselors.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There will be no change in revenue collections due to these rules.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

It is estimated there will be no change in costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons or nongovernmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

This is designed to further ensure competence and professionalism.

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